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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON SSOD

1. SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSION WITH MISOFF APRIL 24, FRENCH DEL
D'AMECOURT REVIEWED RESULTS OF PREPCOM V AND PROVIDED SOME
COMMENTS ON MACHINERY, SECURITY ASSURANCES AND THE PROS-
PECTS FOR CONSENSUS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. FOLLOWING
ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DISCUSSION. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB LEONARD'S VISIT TO PARIS. MISOFF INFORMED
D'AMECOURT OF LEONARD'S REQUEST TO MEET WITH TAITTINGER
ON MAY 2. D'AMECOURT RECOMMENDED THAT LEONARD ALSO SEEK
APPOINTMENTS WITH JEAN LOUIS GERGORIN, WHO HE
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DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE QUAI POLICY
PLANNING STAFF (CENTRE D'ANALYSE DE PREVISION (CAP)),
AND WITH PAGNIEZ, BOTH OF WHOM ARE FORMULATING POLICY FOR
THE SSOD.

3. ASSESSMENT OF PREPCOM V. D'AMECOURT SAID THAT NON-
ALIGNED GROUP HAD SHOWN GREATER FLEXIBILITY, ESPECIALLY

IN THE DECLARATION AND MACHINERY DRAFT GROUPS THAN HE HAD ANTICIPATED. THE RELATIVELY SENIOR LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION BY NON-ALIGNED IN THE MACHINERY GROUP UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THEY ATTACHED TO THESE ISSUES. THE NON-ALIGNED HAD SHOWN LESS FLEXIBILITY IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION GROUP, AND MANY OF THEIR DEMANDS WERE UNREALISTIC. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE HARD BARGAINING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION.

4. PROSPECTS FOR CONSENSUS AT SSOD. THE FRENCH DELEGATION, D'AMECOURT SAID, WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE CHANCES FOR OBTAINING CONSENSUS ON ALL SECTIONS OF THE FINAL SSOD DOCUMENT. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE MISTRAL AT CLOSING SESSION OF PREPCOM V HAD SUPPORTED THE BELGIAN STATEMENT WHICH OUTLINED THE POSSIBILITY OF ACTING ON THREE SEPARATE DOCUMENTS. D'AMECOURT SAID HE COULD ENVISAGE CONSENSUS ON DECLARATION AND MACHINERY AND VOTING ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. HE DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR FRANCE OR ANOTHER NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE SIMPLY TO MAKE A STATEMENT OF RESERVATION ON A TEXT AFFECTING ITS VITAL SECURITY INTERESTS. THEREFORE THE EXAMPLE OF THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, AT WHICH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS, PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE AT THE SSOD.

5. MACHINERY. D'AMECOURT SAID THAT FRANCE WOULD INSIST
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ON THE CREATION OF A NEW NEGOTIATING BODY TO REPLACE THE CCD; IT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH SIMPLY TO REFORM THE CCD. THE NEW NEGOTIATING BODY WOULD HAVE TO BE LINKED MORE CLOSELY TO UN AND NO LONGER INVOLVE HEGEMONY OF THE TWO BLOCS. THIS NEW BODY SHOULD DETERMINE ITS OWN AGENDA, NOT JUST ACCEPT THE AGENDA PROPOSED BY US AND USSR. ONCE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP IS GIVEN UP, FRANCE IS FLEXIBLE ON WHETHER THE NEGOTIATING BODY WOULD HAVE A ROTATING OR FIXED TERM CHAIRMANSHIP. AS REGARDS COMPOSITION, D'AMECOURT SAID THAT HE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS AT SSOD WOULD BE AGREEMENT ON LIMITED ENLARGEMENT WITH NEW MEMBERS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN CONSULTATION WITH REGIONAL GROUPS. WHILE FRANCE WOULD NOT SAY SO, D'AMECOURT SAID (AS HIS PERSONAL VIEW) THAT IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT MEMBERS OF CCD WOULD CONTINUE IN THE NEW BODY. GOF RECOGNIZED UNWILLINGNESS OF CURRENT CCD MEMBERS INCLUDING NON-ALIGNED TO RELINQUISH THEIR SEATS. D'AMECOURT DID NOT PRESS IDEA OF ROTATING NON-PERMANENT SC MEMBERS ONTO THE NEGOTIATING BODY.

6. NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES. D'AMECOURT SAID THAT

CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN IN PARIS TO SOME NEW FORMULATION BUT HE DID NOT OFFER DETAILS. GOF RECOGNIZED THAT THIS WAS A CENTRAL ISSUE AT SSOD.

7. REDRAFTING OF SSOD TEXTS. FRENCH UN MISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE IN PARIS PRIOR TO OPENING OF SSOD TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE COMPROMISE FORMULATIONS ON CONTROVERSIAL TEXTS ESPECIALLY IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. US DEL INDICATED THAT WE WOULD BE MAKING SIMILAR EFFORT AND WE AGREED TO STAY IN TOUCH DURING FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE SSOD. YOUNG

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